

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

EMPIRE TODAY, LLC)	
Plaintiff,)	
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v.)	
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Luna Carpet and Blinds Co., Inc.)	No. FILED: MARCH 21, 2008
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Defendant.)	JUDGE GOTTSCHALL
)	MAGISTRATE JUDGE DENLOW
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COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE AND OTHER RELIEF

Plaintiffs, EMPIRE TODAY, LLC ("Empire" or "Empire Today"), by and through its attorneys, Wildman, Harrold, Allen & Dixon LLP, for its Complaint against Defendant, Luna Carpet and Blinds Co., Inc. ("Luna"), states as follows:

THE PARTIES

1. Empire is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in Northlake, Illinois. Empire Today is engaged in the business of , *inter alia*, selling and installing carpet, flooring and home improvement products.

2. Luna is an Illinois corporation with its principal place of business in Bellwood, Illinois. Luna also is engaged in the business of selling and installing carpet, flooring and other home improvement products

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this civil action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 by reason of Plaintiff's claims of unfair competition under the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1114 *et seq.* and pendent jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a).

4. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Empire and Luna because they are doing business in Illinois and offer products and services for sale in Illinois.

5. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b).

FACTS

The Parties

6. Empire is a home improvement company that sells and installs carpet, flooring and window treatments. Empire has used the Empire name and service mark, since at least as early as 1959.

7. Empire is the owner of United States Trademark Registration Number 2,516,389 for the service mark EMPIRE. The EMPIRE mark is registered for use in connection with telephone shop-at-home services in the field of carpeting and installation of carpets.

8. Empire is also the owner of United States Trademark Registration Number 3,090,137 for the service mark EMPIRE CARPET. The EMPIRE CARPET mark is registered for use in connection with shop-at-home, retail store and on-line retail store services in the fields of carpeting and flooring and installation services in the fields of carpeting and flooring. Empire has used this mark in commerce, since at least as early as April 5, 1973.

9. Luna is a home improvement company that sells and installs carpet and flooring in the Chicagoland area.

Google's Adword Program

10. Google offers a service in which customers may arrange for their advertisements to appear on Google's website in response to a search query. Google calls its advertising program "Adwords."

11. Google's customers can purchase words that, if entered by a user, will return search results that include a section at the beginning of the user's search results titled "Sponsored Links." The "Sponsored Links" section lists websites by owners who have paid to appear in the Sponsored Links section, together with a limited amount of advertising text.

Luna's Wrongful Activity

12. Empire recently became aware that a search on Google's website using the search terms "Empire Carpet" returns various listings for Luna's web site and various advertisements for Luna in the top position of the "Sponsored Links" section directing consumers looking for Empire's website to Luna's website.

13. The advertisements that appear uses the Empire name and service mark within the text of the advertisement. *See, e.g.,* Exhibit A.

14. Upon information and belief, Luna has purchased Empire's registered service mark EMPIRE CARPET as a keyword through Google's Adword program.

15. Luna's purchase of Empire's registered mark constitutes use in commerce of the EMPIRE CARPET mark. *See, e.g., Internat'l Profit Assoc., Inc. v. Paisola*, 461 F. Supp. 2d 672, 677 (N. D. Ill. 2006).

16. Luna's use of Empire's name within the text of its advertisement on Google also constitutes a use in commerce of Empire's name and registered service mark. *Id.*

17. On February 19, 2008, shortly after Empire learned of Luna's activities described herein, Empire sent a cease and desist letter to Luna requesting that Luna cancel its subscription with Google for the Adwords EMPIRE CARPET. Exhibit B.

18. On March 13, 2008, Luna's counsel responded to the letter indicating that Luna would not stop its unlawful activity. Exhibit C.

COUNT I

**Violation of the Lanham Act
15 U.S.C. § 1114**

19. Empire realleges and incorporates by reference herein the preceding paragraphs 1- 17 as though fully alleged herein.

20. Empire holds a number of registered service marks in reference to its business name. These include United States registration number 3,090,137 for the service mark EMPIRE CARPET and United States Registration Number 2,516,389 for the service mark EMPIRE.

21. Luna is using in commerce the registered mark and the confusingly similar mark in connection with the advertising of its goods and services.

22. Luna's use of Empire's marks is likely to cause confusion, mistake and deception of the public.

23. Luna's use of Empire's marks as an Adword and within the text of its advertising creates initial interest confusion, dilutes the value of Empire's marks and constitutes trademark infringement that is likely to cause confusion, mistake, or deception amongst the consuming public that is being directed to Luna's website and business, when in fact it was looking for Empire's website.

24. The foregoing actions are illegal under the provisions of 14 U.S.C. § 1114.

25. Empire is being damaged by this conduct and is without an adequate remedy at law to compensate it for Luna's wrongful acts.

COUNT II

**Violation of the Lanham Act
15 U.S.C. § 1125 (a)(1)**

26. Empire incorporates the allegations of paragraphs 1-24 as if fully restated herein.

27. Section 1125(a)(1)(B) of the Lanham Act provides in pertinent part:

(1) Any person who, on or in connection with any goods or services, or any container for goods, uses in commerce any word, term, name, symbol, or device, or any combination thereof, or any false designation of origin, false or misleading description of fact, or false or misleading representation of fact, which—

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(B) in commercial advertising or promotion, misrepresents the nature, characteristics, qualities, or geographic origin of his or her or another person's goods, services, or commercial activities, shall be liable in a civil action by any person who believes that he or she is or is likely to be damaged by such act.

28. In its advertising Luna falsely claims that it "has more choice than Empire." Exhibit A.

29. Upon information and belief, the statement that Luna has more choice than Empire is false and misleading to consumers.

30. Luna's false statement about Empire in Luna's advertising is causing damage to Empire and Empire is without an adequate remedy at law to compensate it for Luna's false statements.

COUNT III

Violation of the Illinois Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act

31. Empire incorporates the allegations of paragraphs 1-29 as if fully restated herein.

32. Luna violated the Illinois Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act, 815 ILCS 510/1 et seq. by, *inter alia*, purchasing the EMPIRE CARPET mark as an Adword from Google, using the EMPIRE CARPET mark to divert customers from Empire's website to Luna's, and using the EMPIRE mark in Luna's advertising in a manner that is likely to create a likelihood of confusion.

33. In addition, Luna has violated the Illinois Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act by, *inter alia*, intentionally and falsely stating that that it has more choice than Empire.

34. Empire is being damaged by this conduct and is without an adequate remedy at law to compensate it for Luna's wrongful acts.

COUNT IV

Violation of the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act

1. Empire incorporates the allegations of paragraphs 1-33 as if fully restated herein.

2. Defendants violated the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act, 815 ILCS 505/12 et seq. by, *inter alia*, purchasing the EMPIRE CARPET mark as an Adword from Google, using the EMPIRE CARPET mark to divert customers from Empire's website to Luna's, and using the EMPIRE mark in Luna's advertising in a manner that is likely to create a likelihood of confusion amongst consumers.

3. In addition, Luna has violated the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act by, *inter alia*, intentionally and falsely stating that that it has more choice than Empire.

4. Empire is being damaged by this conduct and is without an adequate remedy at law to compensate it for Luna's wrongful acts.

WHEREFORE, Empire prays that this Court:

(i) enter judgment in favor of Empire and against Luna on Counts I through IV;

(ii) grant a temporary and permanent injunction against Defendants enjoining them from:

- a) continuing to own the EMPIRE CARPET mark or any confusingly similar mark as a keyword through any internet search engine;
- b) continuing to unlawfully use the EMPIRE mark and name in any of its advertising;
- c) continuing to make false statements about Empire or its products or services;
- d) otherwise violating the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act; and
- e) otherwise violating the Illinois Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act;

(iii) award Empire damages in an amount not less than \$75,000 to be proven at trial;

(iv) award Empire exemplary damages in an amount to be proven at trial;

(v) award Empire its costs and attorneys' fees; and

(vi) award Empire such other relief as the Court deems just and necessary.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Empire hereby demands trial by jury of all issues triable of right by jury.

Date: March 21, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

EMPIRE TODAY, LLC

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Mr. Morris De Zara
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Re: Empire Today, LLC
Our Ref. E0187.4

Dear Mr. De Zara:

We represent Empire Today, LLC ("Empire Today") with respect to intellectual property and litigation matters. We recently became aware that Luna Carpet & Blinds Co., Inc. ("Luna") has purchased Empire Today's registered trademark EMPIRE CARPET as an adword from both Yahoo! and Google. As you can see from the attached printouts, Luna appears as the top sponsored link after searching for the words "Empire Carpet."

Empire Today owns a federal trademark registration for the trademark EMPIRE CARPET (Registration Number 3,090,137). Empire Today has used the mark in interstate commerce since at least as early as April of 1973. Additionally, Empire Today owns several other federal trademark and service mark registrations that contain the word EMPIRE ("Empire Marks").

Luna's purchase of the adword EMPIRE CARPET was meant to suggest to consumers that Luna is somehow affiliated with or a distributor of Empire Today. Empire Today does not permit others to use the Empire Marks in a way that is likely to cause confusion among the public.

Mr. Morris De Zara
February 19, 2008
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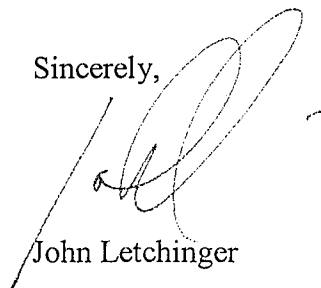
Luna's unauthorized use of Empire's Marks as above described constitutes unfair competition in violation of the federal trademark law, also known as The Lanham Act, as well as the common law and trademark statutes of various states. The unauthorized use could subject Luna to injunctive relief, damages, including punitive damages, and attorneys fees. Accordingly, demand is hereby made upon Luna to cease and desist from any further use of the Empire Marks in any manner that suggests Luna is affiliated with Empire Today.

Empire Today demands that Luna immediately contact all appropriate search engines to cancel any purchase of an Empire Mark as an adword.

This is a very serious matter, and Empire Today intends to vigorously pursue protection of its trademarks and consumers. We request that Luna provide Empire Today, through me, with written confirmation of Luna's compliance with the stated demand immediately. If we do not receive confirmation, we will seek injunctive relief in court without any further notice to Luna.

Please let us have the requested assurances no later than February 27, 2008.

Sincerely,



John Letchinger

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Re: Your letter dated February 19, 2008

Dear Mr. Letchinger:

We represent Luna Carpet and Blinds Co., Inc. ("Luna") and are in receipt of the above referenced letter. We respectfully disagree with your allegations and conclusions.

In your letter you allege that Luna has purchased your client's trademark as a Yahoo and Google adword. To support your allegation, you have provided a printout of a Google search for "empire carpet" showing that Luna appears as a sponsored link. We have run and provided for your reference a Google search for the "luna carpet" mark showing your client, Empire Today, as a sponsored link. Note that the mark LUNA is a registered trademark (Reg. No. 3301575) of Luna. Further, attached are searches for only the "carpet" mark which places both Luna and your client on a sponsored link result and "empire" which only places your client on a sponsored link result. As such, based on this evidence, it is not clear that your client's allegations are accurate. Notwithstanding, if they are accurate as to Luna, note that your client is purchasing adwords for the "Luna Carpet" search term which you allege is unlawful. As such, it is clear that your client has unclean hands in this matter.

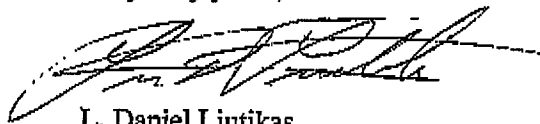
Regardless of the preceding, we are unaware of any statutes, common law, or interpretations of the Lanham Act which makes the purchase of search engine adwords, which are registered or common law trademarks of a party, unlawful. In fact, it appears that the law in this area does not support your assertions. To the extent there are cases which address this issue, it appears that such adword purchases were not considered a trademark "use in commerce" and, as such, could not be considered a trademark infringement. In addition, we do not believe that any likelihood of confusion would result as the purchased adword is not used in connection with the sale of any goods or services but rather produces a search engine result which may include any number of similarly situated merchants.

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Wildman, Harrold, Allen & Dixon LLP
March 13, 2008
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We believe this resolves any concerns you may have. If you have any questions, please contact us directly.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Daniel Liutikas", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

L. Daniel Liutikas

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